

Attention was called to the fossil ripple-marks plainly visible on the rocks close at hand. Of flowering plants *Myoporum deserti* and *Acacia acinacea* were the principal finds.

Oakleigh, 3rd September.—About eight members took part in this excursion, and, taking a north-easterly direction from the station, crossed some paddocks gay with many leguminaceous flowers, such as *Acacias*, *Kennedyas*, *Bossiaëas*, etc. *Pterostylis nutans* was noticed in great quantities, and in another paddock several specimens of the rather rare fern, *Botrychium ternatum*, were noted. Further on, on the shady banks of a creek, *Clematis aristata*, and *Glycine clandestina*, and other spring flowers were seen. On the way back two rather rare lichens, *Cladonia rangiferina*, the reindeer moss of Norway, and *Cladonia retepora*, were obtained.

The following persons were duly elected members of the Club:—Mrs. G. Thomson, Messrs. W. Best, W. Chisholm, E. R. Hammett, G. Thomson, R. Tobin, A. Walker, and M. Waterstrom.

Papers for future meetings were promised by Messrs. A. Coles, H. W. Hunt, and H. Watts.

PAPERS READ.

1. By Mr. J. F. Roberts, F.R.H.S., entitled "Some Notes of a Recent Visit to New Caledonia," Part II. This was a continuation of his former paper on the subject, and gave a most interesting description of the rich tropical scenery to be met with in the island, more especially that of the Cascade Creek and Mount Kogi, where palms, ferns, orchids, etc., grow in the greatest luxuriance and profusion.

2. By Baron F. von Mueller, K.C.M.G., "A Supplementary List of Australian Lichens." This, as it consisted principally of a list of names, was taken as read, and ordered to be printed.

3. By Rev. C. M. Yelland, entitled "Sparrows." The author quoted from various authorities as to the useful qualities of these birds, and expressed the opinion that the destruction they are known to create is more than compensated for by their usefulness. The paper gave rise to considerable discussion, which, on the whole, was unfavourable to the author's conclusions.

The following were the principal exhibits of the evening:—By Mr. D. Best, a fine collection of shells from Phillip Island, forwarded by Mr. J. West. By Mr. C. C. Brittlebank, water-colour drawings of insects. By Miss Campbell, fossil plant, *Cinnamomum polymorphoides*, M'Coy, from Cobungra; also thirty fungi unrecorded for Victoria. By Mr. A. Coles, pouch of native cat showing young attached to teats, pair of young black